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William Healy, Jr., Vice-President
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for your March 18, 2010, Letter of Commitment to execute the pipeline project's Endangered Species Act Conservation Action Plan. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recognizes your voluntary conservation commitment will assist the recovery effort for the identified listed species. Your Letter of Commitment represents an important milestone in a unique collaborative conservation effort between Ruby Pipeline LLC (Ruby), the Service, and other federal and state agencies.

We look forward to collaborating with Ruby, federal, state agencies and other stakeholders, during the future planning, design, and implementation of these conservation actions. Ruby's support and participation with the Service and other federal and state agencies in conserving endangered and threatened species represents a model for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the natural gas pipeline industry that we hope will be followed in future energy-related projects. Please contact Tim Modde, Energy Program Coordinator at (303) 236-4253, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Acting Deputy Regional Director

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